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TRACK TEAM AT KALAMAZOO

On May 7th the Paw Paw track team, composed of Holcomb, Frank Newland, Hoogenstyn, Peapples, Loveland, Washburn, Blakeman and Seyler went to Kalamazoo. Mr. Kaye accompanied the team as coach and E. L. Larsen as official rubber. According to rules laid down by Coach Kaye every track man was supposed to be in bed by eight o'clock Friday evening. Due to the scarcity of cars and other necessities, the majority of the team did not retire until a much later hour. As a result of this the boys did not make a very good showing. Holcomb and Peapples trotted the 100 yard dash in something around 11 flat, but this wasn't flat enough. Holcomb also ran the 220 and finished first in his heat and third in the semi-finals. Loveland and Peapples entered the 440 and Peapples finished in fifth place just four places too late. Blakeman led in the 880 four about four-fifths of the race but did not have the endurance to finish on account of lack of training. Washburn and Seyler entered the mile but due to the number of contestants and the poor places drawn for the start they were unable to place. Newland showed good form but not enough push in the shot put. As seven records were broken and one tied, it can easily be seen what kind of opposition the boys had to compete with. The boys are determined to bring home the bacon from the Bangor track meet May 21st as the schools entered in the meet are of our size.

DORSTEWITZ RECITAL

An entertainment of great interest to the school was the Victor Dorstewitz recital, held last Monday night. Master Victor was assisted by his family and teacher, Mrs. Bennett. The program presented was of extraordinary merit and was enjoyed by a large number of music lovers.

Mit Dow spent Thursday and Friday in Paw Paw in order to take in the Lawrence game.

PRESIDENT OF OLIVET HERE

Dr. Voelker, president of Olivet, was here the first of the week. He addressed an audience in the Christian church Sunday evening and appeared before the assembly Monday morning. Dr. Voelker is an exceptionally fine speaker and he seemed to know just the kind of a talk that would appeal to students. All of his points were such that they might be applied very nicely to our school life and they were enlivened by some most amusing stories and anecdotes. Especially clever was the story of the two frogs, illustrating what persistence will accomplish. "Once upon a time" there was a farmer who was in the habit of diluting his milk with water from a meadow brook. One morning before the sun had risen, he happened to scoop up two frogs. Finding themselves shut up in a milk can a discussion took place between them as to their prospects for escape. The one frog muttered in despair, "What's the use of trying. We can't get out. What's the use." And sinking to the bottom of the can, he stretched himself out with a mournful "ker clug"—and died. But the other frog croaked cheerfully, "Never say die. While there is life there is hope." So he jumped up and slipped back, jumped up and slipped; persisting in the face of truly great odds. And when the farmer opened the can, he found on the bottom one dead frog. But at the top, fanning himself with one foot, his eyes alight with achievement, sat the other frog on a roll of butter which he had churned out.

Without stopping to moralize, Dr. Voelker managed to deliver some very good advice, which is sure to be heeded, either consciously or unconsciously by all of us. He also succeeded in interesting several Seniors in the college at Olivet and he afterwards outlined the course of study to them. Olivet offers exceptional educational opportunities besides having many advantages that could not be obtained in larger schools.

Dr. Vaulker made a most favorable impression of fineness and close sympathy with young people.

PAW PAW TEAM GOES TO KAZOO

Last Tuesday the Paw Paw team journeyed to Kalamazoo and played the team from Central High. The Paw Paw boys were off form and played the poorest game of the season. There were a great many errors and there wasn't anyone on the Paw Paw team who could meet the ball as they usually did. The final score was 12 to 2 with Kalamazoo in the lead. Lee sprung the surprise of the occasion by hitting a clean two bagger over second and bringing in Holcomb.

RETURNS OF TEACHERS' EXAMS

Several members of the Senior class passed the teachers' exams, greatly to their surprise. Those obtaining an average of over 75 are:

Pearl Mortenson
Edson Root
Gertrude Adriance
Glenadore Blakeman
Freida Shaefer
Mabel Passmore
Gladys Hoerner
Hazel White
Dorothy Anderson

Those who failed in only one subject were:

Lucy Manning
Edith Baxter
Earl Seyler
Frank Newland
Genevieve Brockway
Hortense Cornell

Gertrude Adriance had the greatest number of points in the county, and Dorothy Anderson and Frieda Shaefer were among the six in the county who had their written arithmetic entirely correct.

MONEY TALKS

What was that noise back there?
Oh, somebody broke a dollar bill.

Miss Brumstead spent the first of the week in Paw Paw, renewing old acquaintances. She was heartily welcomed by her former pupils.

FOR SALE—Detailed directions to any graveyard in the county—Frank B. Newland.

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The following material on "Swatting the Fly," was recently received from the health department:

THE CALL FOR SERVICE

By Henry L. Oakley Deputy State Health Commissioner

Not all of us could enlist when the call came for service for our country, but there is a service in which we all can enlist, and every boy and every girl should enroll in this vast army for the conservation of human lives. We can all be volunteers in putting down the insurrection of that greatest of human destroyers—the house-fly. To safe-guard our own lives and the lives of others against death brought by disease, is no less a duty than the protection of human life by bloodshed.

The little common house-fly, always an abominable nuisance, now a pernicious pest, is fast coming to be regarded "the most dangerous animal on earth, more to be dreaded than the tiger or cobra." Why? Because the fly is definitely known to carry germs of contagious diseases from the sick to the well, and from infected material to table food. Neither the cobra nor the tiger is a menace, except to him who occasionally ventures into its

jungles; whereas our common house pest, the fly, is ever present with us for nearly eight months of the year, when we eat, when we sleep, when we work, or when we play. Born in refuse, inhabiting and feasting upon the vile things of this earth, it travels back and forth from sources of contamination and disease to our homes.

Constantly it flies from filth to food; and wherever it lights, the infectious material rubs off its legs or body upon the clothes, face, hands, dishes or food of some person. The first fly of the season, having hid in crack and crevice during the winter, like a sneak thief or the spy hides from its prey, gets on the job early and is responsible for the millions of other flies that make life a torment to humanity in warm weather. It is not enough to merely drive it out of doors, where it may find a place to propagate a myriad of other flies, but it should be killed and burned. There is no time like the present to get busy in this loyal service.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Requirements for Admission

Applicants for admission must be sixteen years of age, must have completed a full four-year course in a standard high school, and must present at least fifteen acceptable units covering the specific requirements. Only those are admitted without examination who are graduates of an accredited high school and are officially recommended by the Principal. All others must pass examination in fifteen units.

It is expected that the Principal will recommend not every graduate, but only those whose character, ability, application, and scholarship are so clearly superior that the school is willing to stand sponsor for their success at the University. While a high grade of work in the various preparatory studies is presupposed, the University demands above all that those who enter shall have developed mental power, habits of systematic work, and the determination to apply themselves steadily to their studies, which form the prime purpose of the University. Of the freshmen entering in recent years, too great a number failed to earn during the first semester satisfactory grades in all their courses, their records varying all the

way from a single unsatisfactory grade to dismissal on account of poor scholarship. This result is undesirable and disappointing to all concerned.

The responsibility for failure on the part of freshmen in the University rests partly with the high school authorities and partly with those of the University. The high school authorities can aid greatly in the reduction of the number of failures by giving attention to the following recommendations, which are made by a joint committee of the faculties of the Colleges of the University and of High School Principals:

(a) That all high school students, especially juniors and seniors, be given adequate advice relative to entrance requirements.

(b) That every high school student be required to take a final examination each semester in every study carried, in order that the student may be adequately prepared to take the difficult examinations in college work.

(c) That the junior and senior years be devoted mainly to advanced courses especially designed for those grades.

(d) That stricter discrimination be made in the matter of recommending students, to the end that the ideals expressed in the foregoing paragraphs be satisfied. Recommendations should cover unqualifiedly the student's entire preparation.

(e) That the grade for recommendation to the University be distinctly higher than that required for graduation. (E. g. If the passing mark be 75, a grade of 85 in most cases should be required for recommendation.)

(f) That mental tests be given to seniors in order to supplement other information regarding scholarship, ability, and aptitude.

(g) That the Principal advise prospective freshmen concerning the first year elections in the University. (A special bulletin on this subject is now in preparation.)

In this most important process of transferring well qualified students from one division of the school system to the next, the University hereby expresses its appreciation of the hearty co-operation of the high schools in the past, and looks confidently for still closer and more effective operation in the future.

SOPHOMORE NOTES

A little bit of powder
A little bit of paint
Makes the little girls
Look like what they aint.

M. Root—Blanche, you shouldn't work on Sunday, where do you expect to go when you die?

Blanche—Oh, it don't make any difference. I'll have friends in both places.

Debates in the fifth period English X class have come to a close; much to the satisfaction of the majority of the class.

No sixth period English X classes were held last week due to the seventh and eighth grade examinations.

SENIOR NOTES

French II Class demonstrated to Mr. Castle's satisfaction, its vast amount of intelligence in last Tuesday's test.

Miss Campbell reports that Senior orations were very satisfactorily written and that it was quite difficult to choose the ten best ones from which the class oration will be chosen for commencement exercises.

How the Senior girls enjoyed the study of Hawthorne's life in English XII, was clearly shown by their conduct in class, Thursday. The Seniors are surely planning on Junior-Senior Banquet, so beware, Juniors, we number forty-eight.

ALUMNI MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE

The alumni are at last coming across. Robert Cavanaugh, who is taking the law course at U. of M., contributes this "Ode to Spring." Whereas on certain boughs and sprays Now divers birds are heard to sing; And sundry flowers their heads up-raise,
Hail to the coming on of Spring!
The songs of these said birds, arise
The memory of our youthful hours,
As green as those said sprays and boughs,
As fresh and sweet as those said flowers.
The birds aforesaid—happy pairs,—
Love, mid the aforesaid boughs, in-shrines
In freehold nests; themselves, their heirs,
Administrators and assigns.

O busiest term of Cupid's Court,
Where tender plaintiff's actions bring,
Seasons of frolic and of sport,
Hail, as aforesaid, coming Spring!

And Theodore Ferguson writes as follows—Nursery Rhymes:

John, John, the Piper's Son
Johannes, Johannes, tibicine natus,
Fugit perneciter porcum furatus,
Sed porcus voratus, Johannes delatus,
Et Plorans per vias est fur flagellatus.

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
Mica, mica, parva stella
Mirror, quae nam si tam bella!
Splendus eminus in illo
Alba velut gemma, coelo.

YE BALLADE OF YE OLD STREETE CAR

The street car clangeth down the track,

It is a pleasing sight
To one who waiteth in rain and wrack

Since five o'clock last night.
He entereth in, he payeth his fee,
And moveth toward the rear:
When clang! it starteth quick, and he
Hath landed on his ear.

He riseth up, he hath a strap
Which hundreds fight to win;
He sitteth in a lady's lap,
Who woundeth him with pin.

From bitter draught his nose' gins itch
He turneth it to leeward.
Full greivous in his liver which
A parasol hath skewered.

And he is pressed behind, before,
Till every bone doth ache.
He goeth flatter than a door
Or than a cold pancake.

The street car clangeth down the track:

"Stop! Stop!" doth plead this wight,
"I'd liefer wait in rain and wrack
"Till five tomorrow night."

Mr. Kaye went to Lansing Wednesday to secure a teacher for the new agriculture department. Several students who are interested in the college work rode with him as far as Olivet and spent the day there. All enjoyed themselves immensely and report most favorably on the college and the students.

The first of the summer band concerts was held last Wednesday night. It was well attended and appreciated by all.

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PAW PAW, MICHIGAN

You've missed something if you haven't seen the Sophomore class picture—and by the way—Blanche says she didn't have half enough of herself to give to her various gentlemen friends.

The eighth grade county exams were held Thursday and Friday of last week. They were given in Miss McWilliams' room, Gertrude Adriance and Glenadore Blakeman assisting.

AIN'T IT THE "RUTH"

Girls are funny,
They'll ask you if you ever
Loved anyone else and then
When you turn around and ask them
The same question they get insulted
And want to know if they really
Look like an amateur.

It's funny how often romances
Are broken by slight misunderstandings.

We ourselves would probably be going
With a co-ed today if it wasn't for
One of these slight misunderstandings.
You see, at the time we started going
With her, we understood that
She had a car of her own.
We thank you.

Scene—History XII class.

Time—11:56 A. M.

(Shuffling of feet, rattle of papers
and audible sighs of "Let's go.")

Mr. Kaye (wearily)—Just a moment
people, I have yet a few pearls to
cast.

Kenny—See this chalk on my shoulder?

Harris—Yeh.

Kenny (proudly)—Well that ain't
chalk.

Harold Lawson in Eng. XII—My
opponent just made a statement. I've
forgotten what it was, but it wasn't
true.

Editor—We can't accept this poem.
It isn't verse at all, merely an escape
of gas.

Bud, aspiring to be class poet—Oh!
I see, something wrong with the
meter.

"Mary, when rain falls does it ever
rise again?" asked our chemistry professor.

"Yes, sir."

"When?"

"Oh, in dew time."

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